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SUBJ: INVITATION FOR AFGHAN PARTICIPATION IN THE BULGARIAN-U.S.
INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS CONFERENCE ON NARCOTICS

REF: SOFIA 1546

1. AN EMBASSY OFFICER HAS CONTACTED BULGARIAN THIRD SECRETARY
NIKOLAI DIMITROV POPOV (WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING AFGHAN
PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES HELD IN BULGARIA) CONCERNING THE
EXTENSION OF AN INVITATION TO THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS CONFERENCE ON NARCOTICS.

2. POPOV SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO INSTRUCTIONS
REGARDING THIS CONFERENCE, AND HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT.
EMBASSY OFFICER FILLED HIM IN ON THE CONFERENCE DETAILS,
INCLUDING THE INFORMATION THAT MR. TSVETKOV IS THE CONFERENCE
COORDINATOR (REFTEL). POPOV SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO COMMUNICATION
FROM TSVETKOV, BUT THAT AS SOON AS INSTRUCTIONS ARE FORTHCOMING,
HE WILL CONTACT THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND INVITE AFGHAN
PARTICIPATION.

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3. COMMENT. THERE SEEMS TO BE A COMMUNICATIONS GAP SOMEWHERE IN
THE BULGARIAN BUREAUCRACY. THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS CON-
FIRMED THAT IT HAS RECEIVED NO WORD FROM THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY
HERE. AT THIS POINT, WE CAN ONLY SUGGEST THAT THE RESPONSIBLE BULGARI-
AN
OFFICIALS TRY AGAIN FROM THE SOFIA END, SINCE IT APPEARS THAT THE

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES (NOT SURPRISINGLY) WILL NOT ACT
WITHOUT SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR CAPITAL.
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